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THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

To the CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BURGESS HILL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report for the year 1972.

This is the last report which I shall write as Medical Officer of Health as the post will disappear both locally and nationally on the 31st March, 1974.

The corrected birth rate of 16.09 was marginally less than last year, but the death rate also fell slightly giving a natural increase in population of 154. The number of deaths due to cancer of the lung and bronchus was one third of last year's figure, a statistical variation with, I fear, little permanent significance in view of past local and national trends. The infant mortality rate, which was abnormally low in 1971, was more than trebled in the year under review, but still remained close to the national average; five out of the seven deaths recorded occurring during the first week of life.

Due to an increase in the early neonatal mortality rate, the perinatal mortality rate increased to 23.60, a figure of 21.28 being recorded for the Mid-Sussex area as a whole. Expressed as a percentage of total live births, the illegitimacy rate was 8.33. The maternal mortality rate was again nil.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION - MID-SUSSEX AREA

The computerization of vaccination and immunisation records has now been completed by the County Health Department and the following figures represent the totals for children born since the 1st January, 1965, i.e. up to the age of 8 years. I understand from the County Medical Officer that as each year passes it will be possible to extend this information by a further year.

Triple Antigen:

|                    |    |    |    |       |
|--------------------|----|----|----|-------|
| Primary Injections | .. | .. | .. | 1,006 |
|--------------------|----|----|----|-------|

Diphtheria and Tetanus:

|                        |    |    |    |       |
|------------------------|----|----|----|-------|
| Reinforcing Injections | .. | .. | .. | 1,698 |
|------------------------|----|----|----|-------|

Smallpox Vaccinations:

|                      |    |    |    |     |
|----------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Primary Vaccinations | .. | .. | .. | 164 |
|----------------------|----|----|----|-----|

|                |    |    |    |    |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|
| Revaccinations | .. | .. | .. | 38 |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|

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Poliomyelitis:

|                                |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Primary - oral vaccine .. .. . | 1,009 |
| Reinforcing doses .. .. .      | 1,712 |

Measles:

|                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Primary Vaccinations .. .. . | 1,432 |
|------------------------------|-------|

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| <u>B.C.G.:</u> .. .. . | 18 |
|------------------------|----|

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATES OF VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX AND CHOLERA.

During the year 3,129 certificates were authenticated by the Health Department.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE:

Ten cases of infectious disease were notified during the year. Four were attributed to scarlet fever, two to infective jaundice and three to measles. There was one case of pulmonary tuberculosis.

(1) Food Poisoning (Salmonella isangi).

This case, a child of eighteen months, who is normally resident in Burgess Hill, was notified by a House Surgeon at the Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital, Brighton. From a subsequent telephone conversation with the Doctor concerned it would appear that the child, having recovered from gastroenteritis attributable to infection with *Salmonella isangi*, was considered fit to return home although still a carrier of the organism. As the child was symptomless I agreed to allow her home and arranged for regular monitoring of the family, with particular reference to the mother who had just been discharged from hospital with a two weeks old baby. Arrangements were made for the Health Visitor to keep an eye on the general standard of hygiene in the home.

Fortunately the mother and other members of the family remained negative but the case continued to excrete organisms for over a year.

(2) Family Outbreak of Food Poisoning due to *Staphylococcus aureus*.

A family doctor reported suspected food poisoning in a family resident in the Mid-Sussex area. It would appear that brawn, purchased from a local shop, had been consumed some two to four hours before the onset of vomiting and diarrhoea in four out of six members of the family group. Faecal specimens were submitted to the laboratory which, in due course, reported the presence of Coagulase Positive *Staphylococcus aureus* in one member of the family and subsequent culture from the remainder of the brawn also produced a heavy culture.

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The shop was visited and nasal swabs from the butcher and his assistant were submitted to the laboratory, together with swabs from the fingers, overalls and several utensils. The nasal swabs showed a heavy growth of Coagulase Positive Staphylococcus aureus in almost pure culture and the remaining swabs also showed the presence of the organisms in considerable numbers. Suitable treatment was arranged for the butcher and his assistant, together with a general tightening up of hygiene in the shop, and instructions were given that no cold meats were to be prepared or served until further notice.

Subsequent tests, including the typing of entero-toxin, showed, quite unexpectedly, that neither the butcher nor his assistant were directly responsible for contamination of the brawn, and we were forced to the conclusion that the brawn must have received its inoculation of staphylococci whilst on display in the shop.

This incident might never have occurred had there been a refrigerated display cabinet in the shop for the storage of cooked meats. The latter equipment would not only have protected the food from the public, but, in the event of bacterial contamination, would have prevented the rapid multiplication of organisms to a level where clinical symptoms were inevitable following ingestion of the food.

At the present time, installation of a refrigerated cabinet in retail shops is not a statutory requirement under the Food Hygiene Regulations.

#### WATER SUPPLY

- (i) The water for the whole of the Urban District is supplied by the Mid-Sussex Water Company. This was satisfactory in quality and quantity.
- (ii) The Company carried out monthly bacteriological examination of the treated water and all were satisfactory. The water was chlorinated.
- (iii) The supply is not liable to plumbo-solvent action.
- (iv) There was no evidence of the supply being contaminated.
- (v) Every house in the district is provided with a piped supply direct to the house.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948  
NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT), ACT 1951

Section 47:

This section provides for the compulsory removal from their home of elderly, infirm or incapacitated persons, who are not receiving proper care and attention. Such persons are often living on their own under poor and insanitary conditions and although it was not necessary to take formal action under this Section, several cases were investigated during the year.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

During the year medical examinations were carried out for the following authorities:-

|                            |    |    |     |
|----------------------------|----|----|-----|
| Cuckfield Rural District   | .. | .. | 6   |
| Cuckfield Urban District   | .. | .. | 6   |
| East Sussex County Council | .. | .. | 125 |

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I would like to express my thanks to Mr. Hobson, Senior Public Health Inspector, for his help and co-operation in the work of the department and for the particulars which he has supplied for this report. I also wish to record my appreciation to other members of the staff for their loyal support during the year, particularly Mrs. Westgate, my Secretary and her successor Mrs. Cassam who took over in June.

In conclusion, I would like to thank members of the Council, particularly the Chairman and members of the Health and Housing Committee for their support and also the officers and staff in other departments for their help during the year.

D. M. RICHARDSON

Medical Officer of Health.



PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

|  |  |
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| Medical Officer of Health .. ..                            | D. M. Richardson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,<br>M.F.C.M., D.P.H., D.I.H., F.R.I.P.H.H.<br>(Also Medical Officer of Health to Cuckfield Rural and Cuckfield Urban<br>Districts and Medical Officer (part-time) to East Sussex County Council.<br>Honorary Consultant in Epidemiology and Clinical Assistant in Dermatology<br>- Mid-Sussex Hospital Management Committee). |
| Senior Public Health Inspector ..                          | J. W. Hobson, F.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.<br>(Certificates of Royal Society of<br>Health as Inspector of Meat and<br>Other Foods, and in Sanitary Science).   |
| Additional Public Health Inspector                         | S. J. Perry, M.A.P.H.I.<br>(Diploma of Royal Society of Health<br>as Inspector of Meat and Other Foods).   |
| Secretary to the M.O.H. and<br>Administrative Assistant .. | Mrs. B. P. Westgate<br>(Resigned 2.6.72)<br>Mrs. G. M. Cassam<br>(Appointed 28.2.72)   |
| Clerk to the M.O.H. .. ..                                  | Mrs. L. Hazelgrove   |
| Rodent Operator .. ..                                      | Mr. S. W. Cook   |

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Summary of Statistics for the years:

|  | <u>1970</u> | <u>1971</u> | <u>1972</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Area of District in Acres                      | 2,024       | 2,024       | 2,024       |
| Population estimated to middle<br>of year      | 18,360      | 19,500      | 19,830      |
| Rateable Value                                 | £1,055,073  | £1,110,286  | £1,146,934  |
| Sum represented by a Penny Rate                | £4,400      | £11,500     | £12,345     |
| Density of Population (persons<br>per acre)    | 9.07        | 9.63        | 9.80        |
| Number of Houses                               | 6,527       | 6,651       | 6,798       |
| Birth Rate (corrected) per 1,000<br>population | 17.73       | 16.31       | 16.09       |
| Death Rate (corrected) per 1,000<br>population | 10.83       | 10.73       | 10.28       |
| Infant Mortality Rate                          | 17.14       | 5.85        | 20.83       |

|              |    |    |    |    |                          |             |               |              |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
|              |    |    |    |    |                          | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| Legitimate   | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..                       | 155         | 153           | 308          |
| Illegitimate | .. | .. | .. | .. | ..                       | 15          | 13            | 28           |
|              |    |    |    |    | <u>Total Live Births</u> | <u>170</u>  | <u>166</u>    | <u>336</u>   |

|  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
|--|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Live Birth Rate per 1000 of the estimated population (crude)     | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 16.94 |
| Live Birth Rate per 1000 of the estimated population (corrected) | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 16.09 |
| Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births           | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 8.33  |

|                      |  |  |  |  |                    | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------|--|--|--|--|--------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Legitimate .. .. .   |  |  |  |  |                    | 2           | 1             | 3            |
| Illegitimate .. .. . |  |  |  |  |                    | -           | -             | -            |
|                      |  |  |  |  | Total Still Births | 2           | 1             | 3            |

Still Birth Rate per 1000 (live and still births) .. .. 8.85

|                             |    |    |             |               |              |
|-----------------------------|----|----|-------------|---------------|--------------|
|                             |    |    | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| Total Live and Still Births | .. | .. | 172         | 167           | 339          |

| <u>Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age</u> |    |       |    |    |    | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|----|-------|----|----|----|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Legitimate                                   | .. | ..    | .. | .. | .. | 2           | 4             | 6            |
| Illegitimate                                 | .. | ..    | .. | .. | .. | 1           | -             | 1            |
|  |    | Total | .. | .. | .. | 3           | 4             | 7            |

|     |   |       |
|-----|---|-------|
| (a) | All infants per 1000 live births .. .. .                | 20.83 |
| (b) | Legitimate infants, per 1000 legitimate live births     | 19.48 |
| (c) | Illegitimate infants, per 1000 illegitimate live births | 35.71 |

|              |    |    |       |    |    |             |               |              |
|--------------|----|----|-------|----|----|-------------|---------------|--------------|
|              |    |    |       |    |    | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| Legitimate   | .. | .. | ..    | .. | .. | 1           | 3             | 4            |
| Illegitimate | .. | .. | ..    | .. | .. | 1           | -             | 1            |
|              |    |    | Total | .. | .. | 2           | 3             | 5            |

|  |    |    |       |
|--|----|----|-------|
| Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1000 total live births | .. | .. | 14.88 |
|--|----|----|-------|

|              |    |    |              |    |    | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------|----|----|--------------|----|----|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Legitimate   | .. | .. | ..           | .. | .. | <u>1</u>    | <u>3</u>      | <u>4</u>     |
| Illegitimate | .. | .. | ..           | .. | .. | <u>1</u>    | <u>-</u>      | <u>1</u>     |
|              |    |    | <u>Total</u> | .. | .. | <u>2</u>    | <u>3</u>      | <u>5</u>     |

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1000 total live births .. | 14.88 |
|---|-------|

Vital Statistics (continued)

Perinatal Mortality

|   |    |    |    | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---|----|----|----|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Still Births and Deaths under 1 week                          | .. |    |    | 4           | 4             | 8            |
| Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1000 total live and still births |    |    |    |             |               |              |
| (a) Burgess Hill Urban  | .. | .. | .. | ..          | ..            | 23.60        |
| (b) Mid-Sussex Area   | .. | .. | .. | ..          | ..            | 21.28        |

Maternal Mortality

|  |    |    |    |    |      |
|--|----|----|----|----|------|
| Maternal Deaths (including abortion)                           | .. | .. | .. | .. | N11  |
| Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births |    |    |    |    | 0.00 |

Deaths

|   |    |    |    |    | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---|----|----|----|----|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| All Causes  | .. | .. | .. | .. | 85          | 97            | 182          |
| Death Rate per 1000 of the population (crude)     |    |    |    |    | ..          | ..            | 9.18         |
| Death Rate per 1000 of the population (corrected) | .. |    |    |    | ..          | ..            | 10.28        |

CAUSES OF DEATH IN BURGESS HILL URBAN DISTRICT

| Cause of Death                                  | Sex | Total | Under<br>1<br>Year | 1-14 | 15-44 | 45-64 | 65-74 | 75<br>and<br>over |
|---|-----|-------|--------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|
| Other Tuberculosis ..                           | M   | 1     | -                  | -    | -     | 1     | -     | -                 |
| Malignant neoplasm, buccal<br>cavity etc. .. .. | M   | 1     | -                  | -    | -     | 1     | -     | -                 |
|   | F   | 2     | -                  | -    | -     | -     | 2     | -                 |
| Malignant neoplasm,<br>oesophagus .. ..         | M   | 1     | -                  | -    | -     | -     | 1     | -                 |
| Malignant neoplasm, stomach                     | M   | 2     | -                  | -    | -     | 1     | 1     | -                 |
|   | F   | 4     | -                  | -    | -     | 1     | 3     | -                 |
| Malignant neoplasm,<br>intestine .. ..          | M   | 2     | -                  | -    | -     | 1     | -     | 1                 |
|   | F   | 2     | -                  | -    | -     | -     | 2     | -                 |
| Malignant neoplasm, larynx                      | M   | 1     | -                  | -    | -     | -     | -     | 1                 |
| Malignant neoplasm, lung<br>bronchus .. ..      | F   | 4     | -                  | -    | -     | 2     | 2     | -                 |
| Malignant neoplasm, breast                      | F   | 3     | -                  | -    | -     | 1     | -     | 2                 |

Causes of Death in Burgess Hill Urban District (continued)

| Cause of Death                              | Sex | Total | Under<br>1<br>Year | 1-14 | 15-44 | 45-64 | 65-74 | 75<br>and<br>over |
|---|-----|-------|--------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|
| Malignant neoplasm, uterus                  | F   | 1     | -                  | -    | -     | -     | 1     | -                 |
| Malignant neoplasm,<br>prostate .. ..       | M   | 1     | -                  | -    | -     | -     | -     | 1                 |
| Other malignant neoplasms                   | M   | 7     | -                  | -    | -     | 3     | 2     | 2                 |
|   | F   | 2     | -                  | -    | -     | -     | 2     | -                 |
| Diabetes mellitus ..                        | F   | 3     | -                  | -    | -     | 1     | 1     | 1                 |
| Other endocrine etc.<br>diseases .. ..      | F   | 1     | -                  | -    | 1     | -     | -     | -                 |
| Other diseases of nervous<br>system .. .. . | M   | 1     | -                  | -    | -     | -     | -     | 1                 |
|   | F   | 1     | -                  | -    | -     | -     | -     | 1                 |
| Chronic rheumatic heart<br>disease .. .. .  | F   | 2     | -                  | -    | -     | 2     | -     | -                 |
| Hypertensive disease ..                     | M   | 1     | -                  | -    | -     | 1     | -     | -                 |
| Ischaemic heart disease                     | M   | 27    | -                  | -    | 1     | 8     | 13    | 5                 |
|   | F   | 28    | -                  | -    | -     | 3     | 9     | 16                |
| Other forms of heart<br>disease .. .. .     | M   | 3     | -                  | -    | -     | -     | 1     | 2                 |
|   | F   | 6     | -                  | -    | -     | -     | -     | 6                 |
| Cerebrovascular disease                     | M   | 15    | -                  | -    | 2     | 4     | 2     | 7                 |
|   | F   | 16    | -                  | -    | 1     | 3     | 5     | 7                 |
| Other diseases of<br>circulatory system ..  | M   | 3     | -                  | -    | -     | -     | 1     | 2                 |
|   | F   | 2     | -                  | -    | -     | -     | -     | 2                 |
| Influenza .. .. .                           | F   | 1     | -                  | -    | -     | -     | 1     | -                 |
| Pneumonia .. .. .                           | M   | 2     | -                  | -    | -     | -     | 1     | 1                 |
|   | F   | 11    | -                  | -    | -     | -     | 1     | 10                |
| Bronchitis and emphysema                    | M   | 2     | -                  | -    | -     | 1     | 1     | -                 |
|   | F   | 1     | -                  | -    | -     | -     | -     | 1                 |
| Asthma .. .. .                              | M   | 1     | -                  | -    | 1     | -     | -     | -                 |

Causes of Death in Burgess Hill Urban District (continued)

| Cause of Death                                | Sex | Total | Under<br>1<br>Year | 1-14 | 15-44 | 45-64 | 65-74 | 75<br>and<br>over |
|---|-----|-------|--------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|
| Other diseases of<br>respiratory system ..    | M   | 1     | -                  | -    | -     | 1     | -     | -                 |
| Peptic Ulcer .. ..                            | F   | 1     | -                  | -    | -     | -     | -     | 1                 |
| Appendicitis .. ..                            | M   | 1     | -                  | -    | -     | -     | -     | 1                 |
| Hyperplasia of prostate                       | M   | 1     | -                  | -    | -     | -     | -     | 1                 |
| Other diseases, genito-<br>urinary system ..  | M   | 1     | -                  | -    | -     | -     | -     | 1                 |
|   | F   | 1     | -                  | 1    | -     | -     | -     | -                 |
| Congenital anomalies ..                       | M   | 3     | 1                  | -    | 1     | 1     | -     | -                 |
|   | F   | 3     | 3                  | -    | -     | -     | -     | -                 |
| Birth injury, difficult<br>labour, etc. .. .. | M   | 2     | 2                  | -    | -     | -     | -     | -                 |
| Other causes of perinatal<br>mortality .. ..  | F   | 1     | 1                  | -    | -     | -     | -     | -                 |
| Motor vehicle accidents                       | M   | 1     | -                  | -    | 1     | -     | -     | -                 |
|   | F   | 1     | -                  | -    | 1     | -     | -     | -                 |
| All other accidents ..                        | M   | 2     | -                  | -    | 1     | 1     | -     | -                 |
| Suicide and self-inflicted<br>injuries .. ..  | M   | 1     | -                  | -    | -     | 1     | -     | -                 |
| All other external<br>causes .. .. .          | M   | 1     | -                  | -    | -     | 1     | -     | -                 |
| Totals: M = 85<br>F = 97                      |     | 182   | 7                  | 1    | 10    | 39    | 52    | 73                |

MAIN CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE BURGESS HILL URBAN DISTRICT

|       |   | 1971                       | 1972                       |
|-------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| (i)   | Diseases of the heart and circulatory system ..<br>(Ischaemic disease) ..                 | 65 (35.71%)<br>44 (24.18%) | 72 (39.56%)<br>55 (30.22%) |
| (ii)  | Cancer (all sites) ..<br>(Cancer of Lung and Bronchus)                                    | 49 (26.92%)<br>13 (7.14%)  | 33 (18.13%)<br>4 (2.20%)   |
| (iii) | Cerebrovascular disease ..  | 35 (19.23%)                | 31 (17.03%)                |
| (iv)  | Respiratory diseases (including tuberculosis and influenza)<br>(Respiratory tuberculosis) | 14 (7.69%)<br>1 (0.55%)    | 19 (10.44%)<br>NIL         |

CAUSE OF DEATH IN INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

| <u>Cause</u>  | <u>Age</u> |
|---|------------|
| 1. Hydrocaephalus. Meningocoele.  | 50 minutes |
| 2. Foetal Abnormalities and Prematurity.  | 3 hours    |
| 3. Respiratory Distress. Prematurity.<br>Caesarean Section. Antepartum haemorrhage. | 4½ hours   |
| 4. Respiratory Distress Syndrome. Prematurity.                                      | 1 day      |
| 5. Prematurity.   | 1 day      |
| 6. Virus pneumonia. Neonatal Jaundice.<br>Congenital Absence of Bile Ducts.         | 2 months   |
| 7. Heart Failure. Haemorrhage. Coarctation of Aorta.<br>Turners Syndrome.           | 3 months   |



GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Laboratory Facilities

The following Laboratories are utilised for the examination of specimens:

Public Health Laboratory, Brighton  
Cuckfield Hospital Laboratory  
Public Analyst's Laboratory at Lewes.

I would like to express my thanks to the Directors of the above Laboratories for their assistance, particularly Dr. J. E. Jameson, of the Brighton Public Health Laboratory, for his helpful advice on many occasions.

Ambulance Facilities

Cases of infectious disease are removed by one of the East Sussex County Council's ambulances stationed at Haywards Heath or Burgess Hill Ambulance Station.

Hospital Accommodation for Infectious Diseases

Beds are no longer available at Foredown Hospital, Portslade. Four single rooms are available at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, (York Ward) for the treatment of adult cases of infectious disease, but it is understood that in an emergency further beds would be made available if required. There are facilities for the treatment of children up to the age of 12 or 13 at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Sick Children, Brighton.

Smallpox

The South-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board state that cases of smallpox occurring in this district should be sent to the River Hospitals (Long Reach), Dartford, Kent.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

|                              |  |   |
|------------------------------|--|---|
| <u>Child Health Clinics:</u> | E.S.C.C. Clinic,<br>Mill Road,<br>Burgess Hill.  | Every Thursday 2 - 4 p.m.<br>1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Thursday<br>9.30 a.m. - 12 noon (Toddlers<br>only).<br>Dr. attends each session.                           |
|                              | E.S.C.C. Clinic,<br>Royal George Road,<br>Burgess Hill.  | Every Monday 2 - 4 p.m.<br>1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesday<br>9.30 - 12 noon (Toddlers only)<br>Dr. attends each session.  |
| <u>Clinics:</u>              |  |   |
| <u>Ante Natal</u>            | E.S.C.C. Clinic,<br>Royal George Road,<br>Burgess Hill.  | 2nd Tuesday 2 p.m.  |
| <u>Relaxation Classes</u>    | E.S.C.C. Clinic,<br>Mill Road,<br>Burgess Hill.  | Every Wednesday 2.30 p.m.<br>Every Thursday afternoon.  |
| <u>Immunisation</u>          | E.S.C.C. Clinic,<br>Mill Road,<br>Burgess Hill.  | 1st Monday 2.15 - 3.30 p.m.<br>Dr. in attendance.   |
| <u>Chest</u>                 | Haywards Heath Hospital<br><br>Cuckfield Hospital  | Thursdays 9.30 a.m.<br>(By appointment)<br><br>Every Thursday 2 p.m.<br>Diagnostic.   |
| <u>Orthopaedic</u>           | B.R.C.S. Centre,<br>Paddockhall Road,<br>Haywards Heath.   | <u>Orthopaedist</u><br>2nd Tuesday 10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.<br><u>Physiotherapist</u><br>Tuesday 10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.<br>Friday 9.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.<br>2 - 4.30 p.m. |
| <u>Child Guidance</u>        | E.S.C.C. Clinic,<br>Mill Road,<br>Burgess Hill.  | Every Friday.<br>(By appointment)   |
| <u>Speech Therapy</u>        | E.S.C.C. Clinic,<br>Mill Road,<br>Burgess Hill.<br><br>E.S.C.C. Clinic,<br>Royal George Road,<br>Burgess Hill. | Monday 1.30 - 3 p.m.<br>(By appointment)<br><br>Tuesday 1 - 3 p.m.<br>(By appointment)  |



Clinics (continued)

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <u>Eye Refractions</u><br>(School Children) | Haywards Heath Hospital                                 | Every Friday morning.<br>(By appointment)   |
|   | Morley Street Clinic,<br>Brighton.                      | Alternate Thursday mornings.<br>(By appointment)  |
| <u>Minor Ailments</u>                       | E.S.C.C. Clinic,<br>Mill Road,<br>Burgess Hill.         | As required.  |
| <u>Dental</u>                               | E.S.C.C.Clinic,<br>Royal George Road,<br>Burgess Hill.  | By appointment.   |
| <u>Cancer Prevention</u>                    | E.S.C.C. Clinic,<br>Mill Road,<br>Burgess Hill.         | Tuesday mornings and Thursday<br>evenings as necessary.<br>(By appointment)   |
|   | E.S.C.C. Clinic,<br>Royal George Road,<br>Burgess Hill. | Wednesday mornings and<br>evenings as necessary.<br>(By appointment)  |
| <u>*Family Planning</u>                     | E.S.C.C. Clinic,<br>Royal George Road,<br>Burgess Hill. | 2nd and 4th Wednesday<br>9.30 a.m. - 11.15 a.m.<br>Every Monday and Thursday<br>6.45 - 8.15 p.m. Dr. each<br>session. By appointment.<br>3rd Thursday 9.30 a.m. |

\*These Clinics are provided by the Family Planning Association.

|  |  |                                 |   |
|--|--|---------------------------------|---|
| <u>Venereal Diseases</u>                                   | Facilities available at the Royal Sussex County<br>Hospital, Brighton. |                                 |   |
| <u>Women</u>   | ..   | Tuesday<br>Thursday             | 4 - 7 p.m.<br>10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  |
| <u>Men</u>   | ..   | Monday<br>Wednesday<br>Thursday | 4 - 7 p.m.<br>10 a.m. - 1 p.m.<br>2 - 5 p.m.                            |
| <u>Men and<br/>Women</u>                                   | ..   | Friday                          | 11 a.m. URGENT CASES ONLY.<br>(By appointment direct to<br>V.D. Clinic) |
| New patients must attend one<br>hour before clinic closes. |  |                                 |   |

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE IN AGE GROUPS

| Disease                   | Total | Under<br>1<br>Year | 1 - 4 | 5 - 9 | 10-14 | 15-24 | Over<br>25 |
|---------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|
| Scarlet Fever             | 4     | -                  | 1     | 3     | -     | -     | -          |
| Infective Jaundice        | 2     | -                  | -     | -     | -     | -     | 2          |
| Measles                   | 3     | -                  | 2     | 1     | -     | -     | -          |
| Pulmonary<br>Tuberculosis | 1     | -                  | -     | -     | -     | -     | 1          |
| Totals:                   | 10    | -                  | 3     | 4     | -     | -     | 3          |

COMPARATIVE TUBERCULOSIS STATISTICS

| Year | New Cases   |                 | Deaths      |                 |
|------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
|      | Respiratory | Non-Respiratory | Respiratory | Non-Respiratory |
| 1948 | 4           | -               | 3           | -               |
| 1958 | 10          | 1               | -           | -               |
| 1959 | 5           | -               | -           | -               |
| 1960 | 3           | -               | -           | -               |
| 1961 | 6           | -               | -           | -               |
| 1962 | -           | 2               | 1           | -               |
| 1963 | 2           | -               | -           | 1               |
| 1964 | -           | -               | -           | -               |
| 1965 | -           | -               | -           | -               |
| 1966 | 1           | -               | -           | -               |
| 1967 | 1           | -               | -           | -               |
| 1968 | 3           | -               | -           | -               |
| 1969 | 1           | -               | -           | -               |
| 1970 | 2           | -               | -           | -               |
| 1971 | 1           | -               | 1           | -               |
| 1972 | -           | *1              | -           | -               |

\*Male aged 57

REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

SUMMARY OF VISITS CARRIED OUT

|   |    |    |    |    |       |
|---|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Premises inspected - general                      | .. | .. | .. | .. | 111   |
| Revisits carried out                              | .. | .. | .. | .. | 80    |
| Visits in connection with Improvement Grants      | .. | .. | .. | .. | 751   |
| Infectious Disease and Food Poisoning             | .. | .. | .. | .. | 63    |
| Visits for unsound Food                           | .. | .. | .. | .. | 102   |
| Food Premises                                     | .. | .. | .. | .. | 251   |
| Factories and Building Sites                      | .. | .. | .. | .. | 6     |
| Petroleum Acts                                    | .. | .. | .. | .. | 17    |
| Smoke Inspections                                 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9     |
| Pest Infestations                                 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 14    |
| Rats and Mice                                     | .. | .. | .. | .. | 28    |
| Swimming Pool                                     | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2     |
| Cesspools and Sewage Disposal                     | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3     |
| Defective Drainage                                | .. | .. | .. | .. | 47    |
| Offices and Shops Act visits                      | .. | .. | .. | .. | 53    |
| Visits in connection with Meals on Wheels Service | .. | .. | .. | .. | 10    |
| Cinemas etc.                                      | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5     |
| Animal Boarding Establishments                    | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1     |
| Pet Animals Act                                   | .. | .. | .. | .. | 15    |
| Noise Nuisances                                   | .. | .. | .. | .. | 18    |
| Caravans  | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4     |
| Open Market                                       | .. | .. | .. | .. | 72    |
| Unclassified                                      | .. | .. | .. | .. | 7     |
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| Total Visits made by Public Health Inspectors     | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1,669 |
|   |    |    |    |    | <hr/> |
| Total Visits for Rats and Mice Destruction        | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1,914 |
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SAMPLES TAKEN

|                                       |    |    |    |       |
|---------------------------------------|----|----|----|-------|
| Water (Public supply) Bacteriological | .. | .. | .. | 2     |
| Swimming Pool - Bacteriological       | .. | .. | .. | 1     |
| Milk - Biological                     | .. | .. | .. | 4     |
| Ice-cream - Bacteriological           | .. | .. | .. | 10    |
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|                                       |    |    |    | 17    |
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LICENCES ETC. ISSUED

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Licences to keep a pet shop .. ..        | 3     |
| Licences to store petroleum spirit .. .. | 29    |
| Caravans - Site Licences .. ..           | 4     |
| Animal Boarding Establishments .. ..     | 3     |
| Scrap Metal Dealers registered .. ..     | 4     |
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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOODS  
MEAT, MILK, ETC.

Number and type of Food Premises:

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Supermarkets .. ..                       | 4     |
| Grocery and Provision .. ..              | 26    |
| Butchers .. ..                           | 11    |
| Fishmongers .. ..                        | 7     |
| Fruit and Vegetables .. ..               | 8     |
| Cakes, bread and confectionery .. ..     | 6     |
| Sugar confectionery .. ..                | 21    |
| Hotel, restaurants and cafes .. ..       | 11    |
| Canteens, schools and institutions .. .. | 21    |
| Licensed premises .. ..                  | 11    |
| Off-Licensed stores .. ..                | 9     |
| Bakehouses .. ..                         | 3     |
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Number and type of premises registered under Section 16  
Food and Drugs Act, 1955:

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| For the manufacture of sausages .. ..       | 11    |
| For the storage and sale of ice-cream .. .. | 52    |
| For the manufacture of preserved food .. .. | 4     |
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Number of inspections carried out:

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Grocers' shops .. ..                    | 39    |
| Cafes, Restaurants .. ..                | 14    |
| Confectioners .. ..                     | 28    |
| Wine Stores and Licensed Premises .. .. | 5     |
| Supermarkets .. ..                      | 49    |
| Canteens .. ..                          | 16    |
| Butchers .. ..                          | 11    |
| Fishmongers .. ..                       | 11    |
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During the year a total of 26 complaints were received concerning foreign bodies in food and mouldy food. These complaints included:-

Mouldy egg and ham pie  
Rancid bacon  
Stale Steak and Kidney Pie  
Mouldy Steak and Kidney Pie  
Two cases of mould growth on margarine  
Mouldy loaf of bread  
Oil in loaves of bread  
Piece of oven glove in loaf of bread  
Fly in jam sandwich  
Bristle in bar of chocolate  
Piece of rubber glove in sausage  
Needle in packet of butter  
Beetle in blackcurrant turnover  
Wasp in packet of breakfast cereal  
Dust and wood fibres in meat pie  
Piece of bristle in jar of peanut butter  
Maggots in meat  
Insect in jar of beetroot  
Insect in packet of meringues  
Green discolouration in biscuits

In all cases interviews took place with representatives of the manufacturers or packers concerned, and warning letters were sent.

Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959:

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Number of Distributors retailing in district                         | 4  |
| Number of Retailers registered for sale of bottled milk only .. .. . | 27 |

Milks direct from producers taken for Biological tests including Brucella abortus:

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Number of samples taken .. .. . | 4 |
| Number satisfactory .. .. .     | 4 |

Ice-Cream:

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Number of samples taken .. .. .              | 10 |
| Number satisfactory (Grades 1 and 2) .. .. . | 7  |



### General Inspection of Foods:

During the year 120lbs. tinned meat, 84 lbs. fish, 223 lbs. fresh meat, 1 gallon jar of salad cream, and a 7 lb. tin of lemon curd, were surrendered for the purpose of destruction, and certificates issued, mainly for the purpose of enabling claims to be made and stocks to be accounted for.

In addition, 8,828 items of foodstuffs were surrendered due to breakdown of refrigerated storage cabinets, and general deterioration. Condemned food is taken to the refuse tip and buried.

### RODENT CONTROL

This work continued successfully and a total of 1,914 visits involving 502 separate premises was carried out. The presence of rat infestation was confirmed at 193 premises and mice infestation at 50. In each case the appropriate treatment was undertaken.

In addition the Rodent Officer visited 38 premises during a general survey of the district.

Private houses are treated free of charge but for work at business premises the cost is recovered. The refuse tip remained free from serious infestation.

During the period Oct. - Dec. the Rodent Operator suffered a serious illness, and in his absence the rodent control work was carried out by a private pest control firm.

### CESSPOOL EMPTYING

The cesspool emptying scheme has continued to work successfully during the year and 112 emptyings were carried out involving 118 loads. This service has been carried out by the Council's cesspool/gully emptier.

A few properties formerly on cesspool drainage have been connected to the main drainage system in consequence of new development in the vicinity.



# IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The number of applications for Improvement Grants continued at a relatively high level, as indicated in the following tables:-

## Improvement Grants dealt with in 1972

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Applications received - Discretionary Grants | 35             |
| Applications received - Standard Grants      | 4              |
| Applications approved - Discretionary Grants | 26             |
| Applications approved - Standard Grants      | 4              |
| Number of schemes completed and grants paid  | 25             |
| Amount paid in grants during year            | <u>£13,264</u> |

## Summary of improvement works carried out

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Bathrooms provided by external additions ..                       | 7  |
| Bathrooms provided by internal alterations or conversions .. .. . | 13 |
| Baths provided .. .. .  | 19 |
| Wash basins provided .. .. .                                      | 20 |
| Internal W.C.'s provided .. .. .                                  | 20 |
| Hot Water systems provided .. .. .                                | 21 |
| New sinks provided .. .. .  | 12 |
| Food storage facilities provided .. .. .                          | 15 |
| Fuel storage facilities provided .. .. .                          | 4  |
| Provision of adequate means of room heating                       | 15 |
| Improvement of kitchens .. .. .                                   | 13 |
| Walls plastered (No. of rooms) .. .. .                            | 21 |
| New floors provided .. .. .                                       | 19 |
| Improvement of Internal house layout ..                           | 4  |
| Electric lighting provided (including houses re-wired) .. .. .    | 6  |
| Re-roofing carried out (No. of houses) ..                         | 4  |
| New water supply service pipes installed ..                       | 4  |
| Damp proof courses provided (No. of houses)                       | 8  |
| Additional dwelling units provided by conversions .. .. .         | 1  |
| New ceilings provided .. .. .                                     | 23 |
| Roofs repaired (No. of houses) .. .. .                            | 14 |
| Floors repaired .. .. .   | 10 |
| Yards concreted .. .. .   | 10 |
| Windows and doors repaired or renewed ..                          | 31 |
| Chimneys repaired .. .. .   | 4  |
| External walls repaired (No. of houses) ..                        | 16 |
| Connected to main drainage .. .. .                                | 1  |

In several cases further improvement work was carried out by owners beyond that which qualified for grant aid as well as a considerable amount of repair work. It is noticeable that there is a general improvement in the condition of older properties in the district, no doubt due to the effect of the Improvement Grants made over the past few years.

In connection with the rent provisions of the Housing Act, 1969, 12 applications were made for Qualification Certificates whether or not related to Improvement Grants. Five Certificates of Provisional Approval and five Qualification Certificates were issued, one being refused.

A Qualification Certificate enables the rent of a "Controlled" dwelling to become "Regulated" and a "Fair Rent" determined and registered by the Rent Officer.

#### OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

This Act applies to all shops, offices and railway premises in which persons are employed and these are required to be registered with the Local Authority.

The following is a summary of the total number of shops, offices, etc. now registered:-

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Retail Shops .. .. .                            | 142   |
| Offices (excluding offices in factory premises) | 68    |
| Warehouses and wholesale shops .. .. .          | 7     |
| Catering establishments .. .. .                 | 12    |
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|   | 229   |
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Fifty-three regular routine inspections were carried out during 1972, some minor contraventions being found which were remedied as a result of verbal requests.

#### Accidents:-

During the year six accidents were reported as follows:-

- (1) Injury to thumb whilst chopping meat.
- (2) Injury to hand whilst clearing away broken bottles.
- (3) Lorry driver twisted knee whilst climbing out of cab.
- (4) Sprained wrist as the result of slipping on stairs.
- (5) Bone broken in toe when bottles of whisky fell on foot.
- (6) Fractured wrist whilst loading lorry.

FACTORIES

1. INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH.

| Premises   | Number<br>on<br>Register | Number of  |                    |                         |
|--|--------------------------|------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
|  |                          | Inspection | Written<br>Notices | Occupiers<br>Prosecuted |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities                     | -                        | -          | -                  | -                       |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority                     | 84                       | 5          | -                  | -                       |
| (iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) | 6                        | -          | -                  | -                       |
| Totals   | 90                       | 5          | -                  | -                       |

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

| Particulars   | No. of cases in which defects were found |          |                   |                   | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted |
|---|--|----------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
|   | Found                                    | Remedied | Referred          |                   |   |
|   |  |          | To H.M. Inspector | By H.M. Inspector |   |
| Want of cleanliness (S.1)   | -  | -        | -                 | -                 | -   |
| Overcrowding (S.2)  | -  | -        | -                 | -                 | -   |
| Unreasonable temperature (S.3)  | -  | -        | -                 | -                 | -   |
| Inadequate ventilation (S.4)  | -  | -        | -                 | -                 | -   |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)  | -  | -        | -                 | -                 | -   |
| Sanitary conveniences (S.7)   | -  | -        | -                 | -                 | -   |
| (a) Insufficient  | -  | -        | -                 | -                 | -   |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective   | -  | -        | -                 | -                 | -   |
| (c) Not separate for sexes  | -  | -        | -                 | -                 | -   |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) | -  | -        | -                 | -                 | -   |
| Totals  | -  | -        | -                 | -                 | -   |

OUTWORK  
(Sections 133 and 134)

| Nature of Work          | Number of Outworkers in August list required by Sect. 133 (1) (c) | Number of cases of default in sending lists to the Council | Number of prosecutions for failure to supply lists | Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises | Notices served | Prosecutions |
|-------------------------|---|--|--|---|----------------|--------------|
| <u>Wearing Apparel:</u> |   |  |  |   |                |              |
| Making etc.             | 19  | -  | -  | -   | -              | -            |
| Cleaning & Washing      | -   | -  | -  | -   | -              | -            |



